

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the specific activity of a mutated glycosyl hydrolase on a substrate relative to an unmutated form of the glycosyl hydrolase, comprising replacing an active site associated glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid of the hydrolase with an amino acid, the replacing amino acid binding cellobiose less tightly than the glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid to provide a mutant glycosyl hydrolase-, said glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and comprises tyrosine and said replacing amino acid is selected from the group consisting of alanine, valine, serine, glutamic acid, arginine and comprises glycine.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The methods of claim-3, wherein the mutant glycosyl hydrolase is selected from the group consisting of comprises:

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27. (Cancelled)
28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the specific activity of

Acidothermus cellulolyticus of E1 endoglucanase on a biomass, comprising replacing, by site-

directed-mutagenesis, an active site associated glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid of the endoglucanase with an amino acid, the replacing amino acid binding cellobiose less tightly than the glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid to provide a mutant endoglucanase; said glycosyl-stabilizing amino acid is selected from the group consisting of tryptophan and comprises tyrosine and the replacing amino acid comprises is selected from the group consisting of alanine, valine, serine, glutamic acid, arginine and glycine.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the mutant endoglucanase is selected from the group consisting of:

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